

House District 1

William K. Bill Williams, Republican



DATE OF BIRTH: May 21, 1943

PLACE OF BIRTH: Ketchikan, Alaska

NAME OF SPOUSE: Caryl

CHILDREN: Steve, Mike, Krissy, David, Adam

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Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

OCCUPATION: Longshoreman

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 59 years
Ketchikan/Saxman 1943 to present

EDUCATION:
Ketchikan High School, 1958-1962

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska House of Representatives, 1993-present; Western Legislative Forestry Task Force, 1993-present; member, House Finance Committee, 1999-2000; National Conference of State Legislatures, 1990-2000; chair, House Transportation Committee, 1997-1998; chair, House Resources Committee, 1993-1996; Western States Coalition, 1993-1996; mayor, City of Saxman, 1976-1983; Saxman City Council, 1972-1992.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union. Former: president, Cape Fox Corporation; board member, Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association; chair, Southeast Alaska Presidents Association.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Alaska Native Brotherhood, Saxman Tlingit & Haida.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Sports, fishing, working for the future of Alaska.

STATEMENT:

It's been an honor serving you in the Legislature for the past ten years.

During my tenure in office, we've held the line on state spending. Alaska was the only state to reduce spending in the 90's. We've concentrated on delivering government services more effectively and efficiently, and I will continue that effort.

We've also been very pro resource development, passing legislation to help spur economic development while protecting our environment.

For the past two years I have been Co-chair of the House Finance Committee. Being Co- chair gives me the ability to positively influence projects like the Swan/Tyee Intertie, Gravina Access, and many other important local concerns.

Although we've held the line on spending, we still have the basic problem of not taking in enough revenue to meet our expenditures. We've had to use our savings account, the Constitutional Budget Reserve, to balance our budget and fill the fiscal gap.

If our revenues and expenditures remain the same, our savings account will be empty in late 2004. We would be left with no choice but to either drastically reduce services or increase revenues.

I believe it is time to use the Permanent Fund for its intended purpose: to help pay for state services when oil revenues were in decline. While the principal of the Fund will be protected, it is time to use the earnings for the services we all expect.

Together, I believe we can solve our fiscal problems and shape a bright future.

Sincerely,

Representative Bill Williams